

GOODRICH ASBESTOS SITE
MIAMI, OKLAHOMA
SITE STATUS UPDATE – DECEMBER 12, 2018

CURRENT STATUS:

Over the last two months, EPA has completed the following tasks at the site:

- Conducted perimeter air monitoring – results negative for asbestos
- Secured the Powerhouse Building and repaired holes cut by trespassers in perimeter fence.
- Conducted Removal Assessment.

Results from the removal assessment are still pending and should be available to EPA by late December 2018. EPA collected hundreds of samples from the debris piles and inside the Powerhouse Building and Oven Building. Licensed asbestos inspectors from START indicated that almost all debris piles contain a good deal of friable and non-friable asbestos and the two buildings are also “loaded” with asbestos. The volume estimate of debris could reach 20,000 cubic yards and the amount of asbestos in the onsite buildings will be very significant.

ENFORCEMENT:

A title search is currently being conducted by START. A copy of the title report should be delivered to EPA by December 21, 2018. EPA’s enforcement team is looking through ODEQ reports and putting together a list of potential RPs and will also use the title report to determine if there are additional potential RPs. The current owner of the property is in bankruptcy. Michelin Inc. purchased Goodrich in 1990 however, they did not purchase the property in Miami, OK.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Local residents have been accessing the site by means of cutting holes in the fence. The site sits next to three schools; a Head Start School (enrollment is 69 students ages 3 and 4 years), Elementary School (enrollment is 375 students in grades 4 and 5 as well as 42 staff), and Middle School (enrollment is 443 students in grades 6, 7 and 8 as well as 55 staff). The schools are all located within a couple of hundred feet of the site’s perimeter. Residential areas are also located immediately adjacent to the property. A local community advocacy group (LEAD Agency) has contacted EPA and ODEQ on several occasions to voice their concerns regarding the potential risks to residents, particularly children, that attend the nearby schools and who are known to enter the site property. The City of Miami is very interested in putting this site back to commercial-industrial use once a cleanup is complete.

NEXT STEPS:

Based on information and data we currently have, there is a high risk of imminent and substantial endangerment to public health from this facility. An **emergency removal action is warranted**. An action memo is currently being drafted to document the nature and extent of contamination and risks to public health. Once all removal assessment data is delivered to EPA, the action memo will be expeditiously moved forward to the Division Director for his approval and signature.